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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary, Intelligence Advisory Committee  
SUBJECT : Progress Report Ad Hoc IAC Committee (Watch)

1. This progress report has just come to my attention. I am concerned by the wording of the Preamble as set forth in Attachment 1 to Tab A to IAC-D-6/1 (Revised), where it states that "The mission of providing earliest possible warning of hostile action is the most important responsibility of the IAC to the NSC, and will be undertaken collectively by the IAC agencies . . . ."

2. It has always been my belief that the fundamental responsibilities in the field of intelligence have been established by statute and that the Director and the Director alone is responsible to the National Security Council on matters relating to intelligence. The Intelligence Advisory Committee was established as a body, advisory to the Director, and I cannot therefore accept that the Intelligence Advisory Committee as a body has any responsibility to the National Security Council. This opinion would support the thought set forth in the footnote on page 3 of Attachment 1, concerning the composition and organization, that the representative of the Central Intelligence Agency will serve as permanent Chairman.

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